



Activity in every unit's maintenance facility gets chaotic just before the unit deploys. Piles of non-working equipment clutter the floor as operators line up to turn in more gear that "suddenly" stopped working.

Repairers need track shoes as they run from vehicle to shop to get the unit's equipment field-worthy. Midnight oil is burned by maintainers who get burned out.

All the chaos can be avoided if you operators **regularly** and **honestly** fill out DA Form 5988-E, the Equipment Maintenance and Inspection Worksheet. Your TAMMS clerk prints them out for you to fill out while you inspect your equipment.

In the middle of the form is a Fault Description column. That's where you list your equipment's problems, but a lot of you are not doing it! You write, "No Faults" and turn the form back in. Then, when your unit is told to deploy, you turn in non-working equipment with problems that could have been solved long before.

So, operators, what's the problem? Are you failing to do PMCS? Or are you simply not taking the time to fill out the form? Whatever the problem, correct it now!

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NOT A *RUSH*
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YOU DEPLOY.

